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Applicants : John E. Davis et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 15, 2002**

This paper is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced case mailed October 15, 2002. The three-month Response due date was January 15, 2003. Applicant requests a one-month extension of time for submission of the Response herein, which extends the due date to February 15, 2003, which fell on a Saturday. The following Monday, February 17, 2003, was President's Day and the PTO was closed. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, the next business day following an observed PTO holiday.

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